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Report of the Economic and Social Council

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2003

Ninth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2003 (A/C.5/58/10). During its consideration of the report, the Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General, who provided additional information.

2. The revised estimates relate to a series of Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions outlined in the Secretary-General's report. The Secretary-General indicated that the programme budget implications of Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/57, Revitalization and strengthening of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, is the subject of a separate report to the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly.

3. As indicated in paragraph 49 of the report (A/C.5/58/10), the implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2003 would give rise to estimated requirements of $2,040,400, of which $1,197,700 could be absorbed either within the 2002-2003 or the 2004-2005 bienniums. The remaining requirements of $842,700 for the biennium 2004-2005 would be subject to the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987 for the operation of the contingency fund. **Accordingly, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee take note of the estimate of $842,700, on the understanding that such appropriations as may be**

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necessary will be requested by the Secretary-General in the context of a consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates to be submitted to the General Assembly. The Committee points out that, should the General Assembly decide to proceed with the scheduling possibilities outlined in paragraph 30 of the Secretary-General's report (A/C.5/58/10), appropriation requirements for 2004-2005 would amount to $616,500 rather than $842,700 (A/C.5/58/10, para. 54).